

**PARK & RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**  
**6:30 P.M.**

- Call to Order:** President David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Denny Corn, Tim Yazel, Tim Shuppert and Jan Voiles. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present were Attorney Julie Newhouse, Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Assistant Animal Control Officer Jamie Glandon, Roy Mohr from Rosfeld's and Chad Bowles from Bowles Construction.
- Minutes:** Minutes of October 9, 2007 and Special meeting on October 19, 2007 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. Yazel seconded. Motion carried.
- Unfinished Business:** Quotes for Electrical Work at Pool – Sharpe stated she sent specs out to Custer Electric, Rosfeld Electric and Unlimited Electric.
- 1) Custer Electric – Called and said they wish not to bid on this at this time as they are extremely busy.
  - 2) Unlimited Electric – No quote received
  - 3) Rosfeld Electric – Replace panel LA a 400A. 208/120V, due to hole burnt in back of existing box. Our package includes a new enclosure and a 42 pole interior with a 400A. Main 3 PH. 4W. 208/120V. rated at 65 KAIC, cooper bus, ground main lug, bonded box ground, includes the 4 breakers requested changed to GFCI. Our investigation showed that by changing the feed wire from DUKE Energy to feed a top feed main breaker, we could reduce labor and avoid a possibility of the failure of a splice at a later date. This price includes the install of a thermostat controlled exhausted fan in the switch gear room (location RM 115A) Also included is a 5KW. Ceiling suspended electric forced air heater with a built in thermostat. THE QUOTE FOR THIS PACKAGE IS \$9,400.00
- ALTERNATE 1: Is to replace panel LC in room 115A, the present panel is an aluminum bus showing some deterioration due to the chemicals that used to be stored in this room. We are recommending replacing it with a like panel with cooper bus. This price includes all breakers and labor to replace it.  
The quote for this alternate is \$1,150.00  
Sales included in both prices.  
Quote good for 30 days.  
Corn asked how much we got from Insurance. Mathews stated \$2,000.  
Mathews stated there is money in the budget to pay the rest.  
Shuppert moved to approve Rosfeld's quote of \$10,550.00. Voiles seconded.  
Motion carried.  
Mohr told Mathews he will get temporary heat in there next week as it will take three weeks to order parts.
- Update – Skateboard Park – Bowles stated he has not started yet on the new ramp. He can get started in the next couple of weeks.  
Corn stated if he can get the forms done in the next couple of weeks before the bad weather with the warmth of the ground then do it. If not, wait until next year.  
Bowles stated if he can't get to it in next couple of weeks then he will hold this year's price for next year.  
Corn asked Bowles to let us know.
- Update – Booker T. Washington Community Center – Mathews stated the company out of Indianapolis will be here tomorrow to inspect the elevator. We should have the report back on the 16<sup>th</sup> for our annual inspection.  
This is the Amco Elevator Company.  
Mathews stated the windows are very nice.  
There is one window on the East side that needs taken care of but the new ones are really nice. He is very pleased.  
The windows upstairs were questioned. Mathews stated they are secured.  
Newhouse questioned if there was a fire escape. Mathews stated no.  
Mathews stated he will take care of that.
- Claims:** Claims reviewed prior to meeting by Voiles and Corn. Voiles moved to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

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**New Business:**

Discuss Bark Park – Assistant Animal Warden Jamie Glandon was present and stated she would like to build a “Bark Park” and wanted the board to suggest locations.

She suggested the Park on Fort Wayne Road, “Community Park”.

Mathews said they could use the west side where the ball diamonds used to be, on the west side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Voiles asked how compatible the dogs will be located by the skateboard park.

Glandon explained the bark park will have an 8 foot chain link fence around it.

She stated she would like the whole back park from the skateboard park back.

Corn stated that some ball leagues practice down there and stated we can’t give them all of that.

Glandon stated they need a big area for the animals to run.

She is expecting a lot of people using this facility.

Mathews stated he’s not against a bark park but he kind of agrees with Corn that there are over 2 acres there and would hate to give that up to a bark park.

Shuppert suggested getting with Mathews to check out the area to see how much land we can give them.

Shuppert also stated he’s not against the park he’s just not sure he wants to give up that much area.

Glandon said the shelter is raising funds. She will get sponsors and raise every penny.

Yazel questioned who was going to maintain this property. Glandon said the shelter volunteers will maintain this park.

Parks Department will continue to mow the grass.

Yazel asked who is going to clean up after the dogs. Glandon said the dog owner is responsible to clean up after their own animals. There will be doggy clean up stations in the park.

Glandon said if people abuse the privilege they they will loose the privilege.

To be a member of this Bark Park the animal will have to have its shots. There will be rules.

She is looking into a key fob or a card swipe to get entrance into the park.

Glandon said she is also hoping not to have breed restrictions.

She said she has already been told by Shelbyville and Connorsville people that they will come here to use our bark park.

This will not be a supervised facility.

If cameras are needed Glandon said she will raise funds for that.

She will restrict age restrictions. Adults only.

Liability insurance will be questioned.

Eventually, will have apparatus for dogs to run on.

Glandon said she hopes she will get enough funds to get the park up and running then purchase agility fairly soon.

The park will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hasecuster suggested talking to the people on the west side of the park to make sure they are ok with this type of park going there.

Glandon said Bark Park is not a constant nuisance noise. In bark parks, dogs are there to play.

Yazel said he thinks we should discourage owners with pit bulls as it would put kids at risk in the park and asked how that can be controlled.

Yazel said as a tax payer he don’t want his kids around that.

Glandon gave three reasons why this park will be successful.

- 1) Children on farther side of park.
- 2) Request owners to keep dogs on leash from car to Bark Park.
- 3) Less desirable people won’t go to this park where they will be noticed.

Hasecuster stressed the school is right across the street with kids and asked what if we have a problem with a kid being bit.

Glandon said the cards will monitor which animals have had shots. If no shots they won’t have access to park.

She stated she has four children herself. She would never want to harm a child.

Glandon said there will be a registration fee to enter this park.

Glandon said if there is a better spot that’s fine, they will take whatever land they can get and make sure it will be properly exposed.

It was decided to have Glandon and Mathews and a few Parks Board members review the area.

The board said they felt the concept was good we just need to work out a good location and gave Glandon permission to start raising funds.

Voiles stated she thinks this is a good idea and will be an asset to our parks.

Mathews asked Glandon for a copy of the lay out and plans as soon as she gets them.

Yazel stressed he is okay with the concept, his concern is the location, that being a park with children.  
The board thanked Glandon for coming.  
Other locations were discussed.  
Yazel said parks are for people. He feels a dog park needs to be in a whole new area.

Mathews stated he would like to buy a new vacuum system for leaves in the park. It's a 8.75 horse power and is \$1,100.00  
He has money in Park & Rec. Equipment.  
Now they mulch the leaves. With this vacuum we can vacuum them up and get rid of them.  
This unit holds up to 650 pounds of leaves.  
Mathews said this will save a lot of time and labor.  
This unit hooks on the back of the Kubota.  
Yazel moved to allow Mathews to purchase the new vacuum for \$1,100.00.  
Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews shared with the board he would like to host a Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. at the Dutch Mill in Milroy. He is inviting the parks staff, parks board and parks patrol.  
He would like to take the money out of Non Reverting Special Events.  
Voiles moved to allow Mathews to host a Christmas Dinner. Shuppert 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried.

Corn asked where the money for the electrical issue at the pool is coming from.  
Mathews said he can take it out of summer help or pool salaries.

Corn questioned a new mower. Mathews said the money is in the budget for a new mower.

Mathews asked to get quotes to replace a new skid loader to a bigger one.  
The one we have now is a life saver but needs new tires and is in need of work.  
Corn made a motion to allow Mathews to get three quotes for a new skid loader.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

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DENNY CORN, MEMBER

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TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY